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USDOC FOR MARAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CEP, NATO
SUBJECT: CEP: CIVIL MARITIME VESSELS EARMARKED FOR RAPID
- REINFORCEMENT

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF AN INFORMAL NOTE RECEIVED BY
THE MISSION CEP OFFICER THIS DATE FROM THE CEP LINE OF
COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT (NETTLE).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHIPPING
INTENDED TO BE USED HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED IN ORDER TO
GIVE THE LOC STUDY GROUPS A MORE REALISTIC BACKGROUND
AGAINST WHICH TO WORK.

HOWEVER, THERE IS OTHER DATA WHICH, IF IT IS AVAILABLE,
WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE IN THE NEXT ROUND OF STUDIES. I
HAD ASKED STAN HOLNESS, THE U.K. REPRESENTATIVE TO PBOS,
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BUT HE TELLS ME THE ONLY PERSON LIKELY TO HAVE IT FOR ALL
THE SHIPS IS FRANK CASE AT MARAD. THE INFORMATION I WAS
THINKING OF WAS THE FOLLOWING:-

- (I) THE NUMBER AND SIZES OF SELF SUSTAINING
- CONTAINERSHIPS

- (II) THE NUMBER OF BREAKBULK SHIPS WITH DERRICKS
- CAPABLE OF LIFTING OUT THE HEAVY LIFTS WHICH
- ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE BETWEEN 30 AND 90 TONS

- (III) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES PER RO/RO SHIP
- AND THE NUMBER OF SHIPS CAPABLE OF CARRYING
- VEHICLES OVER 40 TONS

- (IV) THE SIZES OF TANKERS TO BE USED.

ANY INFORMATION ON THESE POINTS WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU
COULD GET IT. END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE REQUESTED
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND IT CAN BE PROVIDED, IT WILL
SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST IN THE WORK OF THE LINES OF
COMMUNICATIONS STUDY GROUP AND WILL INCREASE THE ASSURANCES
THAT MEANINGFUL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PLANNING
BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT (PBEIST) EVALUA-
TION AT THE OCTOBER 1978 MEETING OF THAT PLANNING BOARD.
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